

**Testimony before the Appropriations Committee**  
*H.B. No. 5044 AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE EXPENDITURES FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017.*

**February 18, 2016**  
**Lynn Evans, East Hartford, CT**

Good evening Senator Bye, Representative Walker and members of the Appropriations Committee.

My name is Lynn Evans and I am a registered voter in the town of East Hartford, CT.

I am here to testify on H.B. No. 5044 An Act Making Adjustments to State Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017.

I am opposed to any proposed cuts to the DMHAS and any mental health services and supports because my husband and I depend on these services for basic needs such as medical, physical and mental health needs.

Without medical and mental health services we would not be able to see our social worker or benefit from InterCommunity/Common Ground. It would set us back. Please do not cut this budget. It puts more stress on the mental health of individuals. I have a great peer support system through InterCommunity Common Ground Learning Center.

I urge you to keep these core services and thank you for your attention to these important supports.